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In re A	Amendment of) F	ederal Communications Commission Office of Secretary
Section 73 202(b)) File No	omee or decreasy
Table	of Allotments)	
FM Broadcast Stations)	
Boligee, Alabama)	
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To:	Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary, FCC	,)	
	Attn: Chief, Audio Division)	

PETITION FOR RULE MAKING

Comes Now, Greene County Broadcasting (hereinafter "GCB"), by Counsel and pursuant to Section 1 401 and 1.420 of the Commission's Rules, and hereby requests that the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to amend Section 73 202(b) of the Commission's Rules, the Table of FM Allotments Specifically, GCB requests that the Table of FM Allotments be amended so as to allocate Channel 297A to Boligee. Alabama, as that community's first broadcast channel. In support of this Petition, the following is stated:

Boligee, Alabama is a Community in Need of a Broadcast Facility

Boligee, Alabama, is a town with a population of 369 persons according to the 2000 U.S. Census Boligee has its own post office with its own zip code, 35443. Boligee has its own local government and Mayor, the Honorable Bonnie Olayiwola Emergency services are provided by the Boligee Volunteer Fire Department. Boligee is also the home to several businesses such as Eastern Red Cedar, Atlantic Cedar, Southern Hickory and Pearson Excavation Additionally, the community is served by the following places of worship: the Little Zion Baptist Church, MacEdonia CME, the Morning Star Baptist Church, the Pine Grove CME Church and the Word of Action Tabernacle. Boligee is also the home of two schools, the Mt. Hebron Head Start

School and Paramount Jr. High School Despite Boligee's status, no broadcast facilities of any type are allocated to the community. Allocation of Channel 297A would remedy this deficiency

Allocation of Channel 297A to Boligee, Alabama can be accomplished in Accordance with the Commission's Technical Requirements for New Allocations.

Allocation of Channel 297A to Boligee, Alabama can be accomplished in complete accordance with the Commission's Rules governing allocations. Specifically, as the attached study¹ demonstrates, the proposed allocation meets all spacing requirements.² In addition, as is depicted on the attached coverage map,³ city-grade coverage would be achieved over all of Boligee from the proposed reference coordinates

III Allocation of Channel 297A to Boligee would be in the Public Interest.

The allocation of Channel 297A to Boligee would be in the public interest. The proposal would permit Boligee to receive its first local full-service broadcast facility of any type, thereby serving the highest of the Commission's allocation priorities:

[T]here are virtually no populated areas of the country where our higher allotment priorities, such as first reception service, have not been attained. Therefore, as a practical matter, provision of first local service is the highest of our allotment priorities which remains in any significant degree unsatisfied.

Amendment of the Commission's Rules Regarding Modification of FM and TV

Authorizations to Specify a New Community of License, 5 FCC Rcd 7094, 7096 (1990) 4

See Exhibit 1

The proposed reference coordinates are 32-48-34 x 88-06-27

See Exhibit 2

As the Commission explained in *Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures*, the FM allotment priorities are (1) first full-time aural service, (2) second full-time aural service, (3) first local service, and (4) other public interest matters (with co-equal weight being given to priorities (2) and (3)) 90 FCC 2d 88, 91 (1982)

IV If Channel 297A is Allocated to Boligee, GCB Will Apply for Facilities to Operate on the Channel and, if such Application is Granted, will Construct Such Facilities.

As required by the Commission, GCB hereby commits to apply for an authorization to construct the requisite facilities on Channel 297A at Boligee if the allocation is adopted by the Commission In addition, GCB commits to construct such facilities if awarded such construction permit.

Conclusion

As has been demonstrated above, allocation of Channel 297A to Boligee, Alabama, would be in the public interest inasmuch as it would allow the community to enjoy its first local transmission service. Accordingly, GCB respectfully requests that the Table of FM Allotments be amended as follows:

Boligee, Alabama		297A
in the state of th	Present	Proposed

Respectfully submitted,

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TECHNICAL STATEMENT

1 This technical statement and attached exhibits were prepared on behalf of Greene County Broadcasting ("GCB") GCB herein proposes an amendment to §73.202(b) of the Commission's rules by allotting Channel 297A to Boligee, Alabama, as that community's first local FM service. Boligee is located in Greene County, Alabama. According to the U.S. Census, Boligee has a population of 369 persons. Boligee has a Mayor and town offices. Boligee also has volunteer fire department services for its residents.

DISCUSSION

2 Channel 297A can be allotted to Boligee, Alabama, at reference coordinates North Latitude 32° 48′ 34″ and West Longitude 88° 06′ 27″ This represents a site restriction of 10 0 kilometers northwest of the community to avoid shortspacing WVFJ, Channel 298A, Uniontown, Alabama Attached as Exhibit #1 is a map which shows where a transmitter site for Channel 297A at Boligee, Alabama, can be located Attached as Exhibit #2 is a §73 207 spacing analysis demonstrating that Channel 297A at the proposed reference site meets the Commission's minimum distance separation requirements to all licensed, applied for or proposed facilities From the proposed reference site, a 70 dBu (3 16 mV/m) contour will be delivered to all of Boligee

^{1) 2000} Census data

3 Therefore, GCB herein requests the following change to the Table of Allotments.

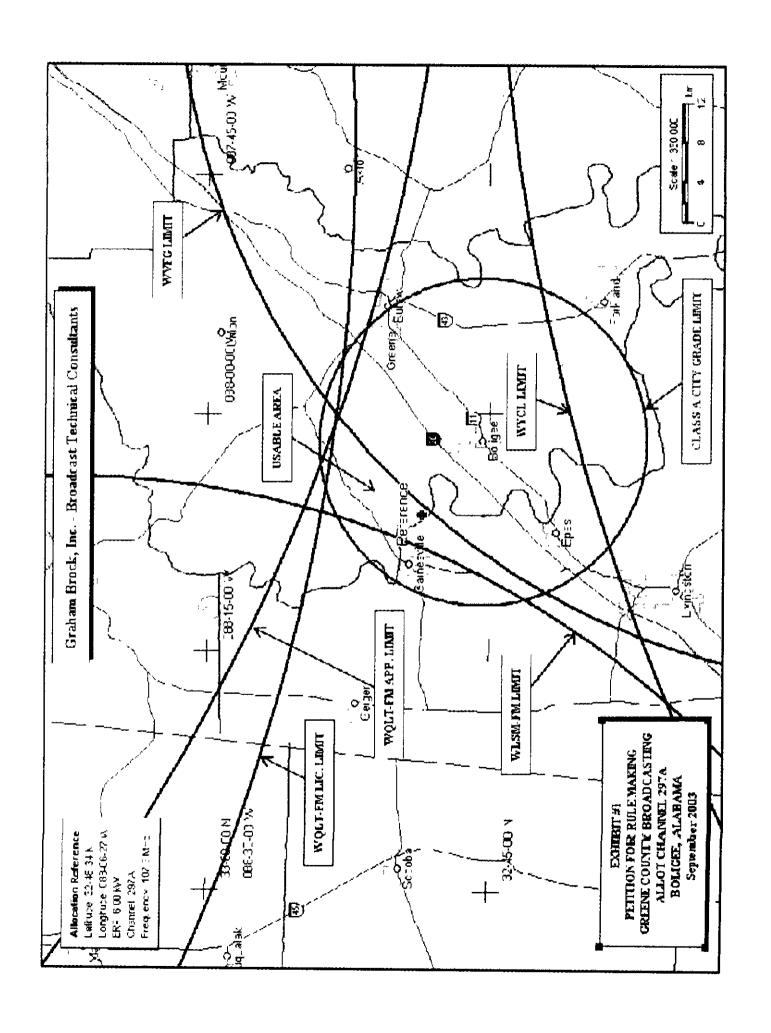
Boligee, Alabama

Present Proposed None 297A

PUBLIC INTERESTS

- 4 The allotment of Channel 297A will provide Boligee with its first local licensable FM station. From the proposed reference site, the Channel 297A allotment will provide service to 15,018 persons in 2,516.1 square kilometers. Once Channel 297A is allotted to Boligee, Alabama, GCB will submit its continuing expression of interest or other necessary filing requesting a permit to construct a new FM station on Channel 297A at Boligee, Alabama.
- 5 The foregoing was prepared on behalf of Greene County Broadcasting by Graham Brock, Inc., its Technical Consultants. All data relating to FM facilities was extracted from the CDBS database. We assume no liability for errors or omissions in that database, which may be adverse to the requests contained herein.

²⁾ This is based on a service radius of 28 3 kilometers from the reference site (no terrain variations)



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EXHIBIT #2

Allocation Study for new ΓM station Boligee, Alabama Using proposed allocation site as reference

REFERENCE 32 48 34 N CJ./ 88 06 27 W Current Channel 29		ASS = A Spacings B7 - 107 3 MHz			Y DATES 09-13-03 09-16-03
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WJTG	LIC 298A Uniontown 32 22 38 87 31 25 CN Charles E. Jones, Jr	AL 72 82 6.000 kW BLH-19950123KA	131 1 100 M	72 0 1	0.82
W JSMLM	LIC 296C3 Louisville 33 07 20 89 01 07 C Hairison Communications, Inc	MS 91.97 12 500 kW BLH-19970428KB	292 5 142 M	89.0	2 97
WOLTEM	LIC 297C1 Florence 31 40 24 87 42 56 CN Big River Broadcasting Corp	AL 209 90 93.000 kW BLH-20000120AA	9 8 310 M	200 0	9.90
	APP-Z 237C1 Florence 34 35 05 87 17 03 ZCN Big River Broadcasting Corp.				
	LIC 297C Pensacola 30 42 20 87 24 09 CN Concord Media Group, Inc.	BTH-19880313KB			
WKXIFM	LIC 298C1 Magee 32 15 29 89 47 22 C Urban Radio Of Miscissippi	MS 169 43 100.000 kW BMLH-20020312A	249 2 290 M AO	133 0	36.43
WECA	LIC 300C Ackerman 33 25 25 89 24 13 CN French Camp Radio, Inc	MS 138.83 100 000 kW BLH-19901207KB	299.9 307 M	95.0	43 83
WMLV.A	APP-Z 295A Stonewall 32 19 30 88 41 17 ZCX Dast Mississippi Broadcast	MS 76 54 2 300 ≺W BPH-20020206AA	1		45 54

AFFIDAVIT AND QUALIFICATIONS OF CONSULTANT

State of Georgia)
St Simons Island) ss.
County of Glynn)

JEFFERSON G. BROCK, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is an officer of Graham Brock, Inc. Graham Brock has been engaged by Greene County Broadcasting to prepare the attached Technical Exhibit.

His qualifications are a matter of record before the Federal Communications Commission. He has been active in Broadcast Engineering since 1979.

The attached report was either prepared by him or under his direction and all material and exhibits attached hereto are believed to be true and correct.

This the 19th day of September, 2003.

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